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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual foodgrains production fell short of the target for the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the target fixed for the production of foodgrains;

(c) whether per-capita availability of foodgrains is declining every year despite satisfactory south-west monsoon for the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government to increase the production of foodgrain in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA)
(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The production of foodgrains during1999-2000 is likely to be 201.56 million tonnes as against the target of 210.00 million tonnes as per details given in the following table :

(million tonnes)

Crop/Crop-Group	Targets 1999-2000	Production 1999-2000
Rice	86.00	88.55
Wheat	74.00	70.10
Coarse Cereals	34.50	29.36
Pulses	15.50	13.55
Total Foodgrains	210.00	201.56

Advance Estimates as on 27.03.2000

(c) & (d) Per capita net availability of foodgrains during 1999 at 470.1 grams per day, though lower than that of 1997 at 509.3 grams per day, is higher than that of 1998 at 450.4 grams per day.

(e) To increase production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government is implementing centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal DevelopmentProgrammes in rice/wheat/coarse cereals Based Cropping System Area, NationalPulses Development Project etc. Under these programmes/project, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation and use of improved farm implements. Research is also being continuously undertaken to develop improved technologies so as to enhance the productivity and production of foodgrains in India. Field demonstrations on farmers` holdings including training of farmers and farm labourers is being organised for effective transfer of technology.